



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES AND SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE
FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND
ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate amounts not to exceed \$4,382,000 in Cities Excess Funds and \$2,700,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, for a total amount not to exceed \$7,082,000 in grants for development and improvement projects.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed projects categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the records of the projects.
2. Allocate Cities Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District in an amount not to exceed \$4,382,000 to the identified recipients and projects.
3. Allocate Specified Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 to the identified recipients and projects.

4. Authorize the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants to the identified recipients and projects, for a total not to exceed \$7,082,000, when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate amounts not to exceed \$4,382,000 in Cities Excess Funds and \$2,700,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the following recipients and projects:

Cities Excess Funds:

- \$300,000 to the City of Artesia for its City Parks and Community Centers Improvement Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Avalon for its Cabrillo Mole Recreation Revitalization Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Bellflower for its Fitness Center and Trail Development at John S. Simms Park Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Cerritos for its Liberty Park Annex Exterior Improvements Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Diamond Bar for its Star Dust Mini Park ADA Accessibility Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Downey for its Apollo Park and Independence Park Improvements Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of El Segundo for its Lighting Upgrade Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Hawaiian Gardens for its Clarksdale Park Renovation Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Hermosa Beach for its South Park Improvements Phase II Project;
- \$187,000 to the City of La Habra Heights for its Hacienda Park Water Efficient Irrigation Phase II Project and Parking Lot Repaving and Striping Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of La Mirada for its Play Area Rehabilitation for Gym Tot Lot, Frontier Park, and J. Martin Park Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Lakewood for its Bolivar Park Playground Replacement Project;

- \$295,000 to the City of Lomita for its new Park Development Project at 1845 West 260th Street, Lomita Park Upgrades Project, and Hathaway Park Upgrades Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Los Angeles for its Bogdanovich Recreation Center Playground Replacement Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Manhattan Beach for its Skate Spot Project;

Specified Excess Funds:

- \$300,000 to the City of Norwalk for its Playground Renovations Projects at Glazier Park, Ramona Park, and Zimmerman Park;
- \$300,000 to the City of Paramount for its Paramount Park Gym and Community Center Renovation Project;
- 300,000 to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes for its Lower Hesse Park Improvements Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Redondo Beach for its Ensenada Parkette Improvements Project;
- \$154,000 to the City of Rolling Hills Estates for its Bridle/Hiking Trails Fencing Replacement Project;
- \$75,000 to the City of Rolling Hills Estates for its Ernie Howlett Park Arena #1 Base Footing Renovation Project;
- \$71,000 to the City of Rolling Hills Estates for its Ernie Howlett Park Equestrian Center Structures Replacement Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Santa Fe Springs for its Playground Equipment Improvements Projects at 10538 Longworth Ave, 10977 Davenrich Street, and 9426 Bradwell Ave;
- \$300,000 to the City of Signal Hill for its Reservoir Park Playground Project and Signal Hill Park Irrigation Improvements Project;
- \$300,000 to the City of Torrance for its Charles H. Wilson Park Splash Pad Project; and
- \$300,000 to the City of Whittier for its Laurel Park Restroom Renovation Project.

It is also recommended that the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Acting Director), in his capacity as Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award grants to the identified grantees when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable. It is further recommended that the Acting Director be authorized to administer the grants pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting activities through various improvement and development projects in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in an amount not to exceed \$7,082,000 is budgeted in the Fourth Supervisorial District's portion of Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The various grantees identified in these recommended grants meet this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for Specified and County Projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Acting Director would be authorized to award grants to the various grantees when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide for governing the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will also govern the administration of the recommended additional grants.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The cities listed below are the lead agencies for their respective projects.

The City of Artesia's proposed City Parks and Community Centers Improvement Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of improvements to three city parks, including planting of new trees and upgrades to irrigation, addition of drinking fountains, fence repair, upgrades to outdoor security and field lighting, addition of shade structures, replacement of aging partitions, and cosmetic improvements, which includes painting interior and exterior facilities, repair of broken fountain, and upgrades to stationary recreation equipment, including pour-in-place surfacing in playgrounds, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(a) (d), 15303 (e), and 15304 (a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c) (d), 3 (b), and 4 (a) (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves interior and exterior alterations, restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at existing facilities; installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition of land as well as new landscaping.

The City of Avalon's proposed Cabrillo Mole Recreation Revitalization Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of construction of play structures, swings, pour-in-place surfacing, sport court, site work and fencing, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (d), 15303 (e), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c), 3 (b), and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at an existing facility; installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The City of Bellflower's proposed Fitness Center and Trail Development at John S. Simms Park Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of installation of 30 pieces of exercise equipment and a community open space surrounded by the exercise equipment for an outdoor fitness center; construction of a 1,020 foot long by 5 foot wide walking path to the north end of the park to connect to all other walking paths throughout the park and to complete a half-mile connected path and loop installation of a 12 foot high chain link fence along the new walking path area; installation of signage throughout the park along the new walking path and fitness center; demolition of an old obsolete building located where the new fitness center will be placed; installation of a monument sign; provision of ADA access; and installation of benches and trash receptacles, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

The City of Cerritos' proposed Liberty Park Annex Exterior Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of painting of the building's exterior, pavement rehabilitation, and installation of fencing, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (d), 15303 (e), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c), 3 (b), and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at an existing facility; installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The City of Diamond Bar's proposed Star Dust Mini Park ADA Accessibility Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of improvements to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements including improvements to a tot lot, walkway, signage, parking access, picnic area, barbeque area, drinking fountain, bench(s) and any other area found to be in need of retro-fit during the review portion of the design process, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (d), 15302, 15303 (e), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c), 2, 3 (b), and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety at an existing facility; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities; installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The City of Downey's proposed Apollo Park and Independence Park Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of site preparation, replacement, and installation of playground equipment to offer a safe interactive recreational learning environment for children ages 2-12, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15302 and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2 and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities; and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The City of El Segundo's proposed Lighting Upgrade Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of improvement and upgrades to park exterior lights, including tennis/volleyball courts and general use areas, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 3 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves installation of accessory structures.

The City of Hawaiian Gardens' proposed Clarksdale Park Renovation Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of replacement of existing skate park with an in-ground "bowl style" design, installation of fencing for new skate park, replacement of restroom facilities, installation of rubberized play surface in tot lots, conversion of water park play area to a recirculating water system, and landscaping, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15302, 15303 (e), and 15304 (a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2, 3 (b), and 4 (a) (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems, structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion or capacity; installation of accessory structures; minor alterations to the condition of land and new landscaping.

The City of Hermosa Beach's proposed South Park Improvements Phase II Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of improvements of park benches, picnic tables, shade structures, perimeter wood railing, safety railing at slopes, the Children's and Community Gardens, receptacles for trash and recyclables, and ADA compliance including parking lots, ADA access ramps, ADA parking stalls and striping, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (d), 15303 (e), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c), 3 (b), and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves refurbishment of existing deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety at an existing facility; installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The City of La Habra Heights' proposed Hacienda Park Water Efficient Irrigation Phase II Project and Parking Lot Repaving and Striping Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of installation of water efficient irrigation system and parking lot repaving and striping, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15302, 15303 (d), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2, 3 (a), and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems, structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion or capacity; construction of water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions; and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The City of La Mirada's proposed Play Area Rehabilitation for Gym Tot Lot, Frontier Park, and J. Martin Park Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of improvements to meet ADA accessibility requirements, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (d) and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c) and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety at existing facilities; and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The City of Lakewood's proposed Bolivar Park Playground Replacement Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of replacement of outdated play equipment and site furnishings with new equipment in two play areas and installation of rubberized play surface to ADA accessibility, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15302 and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2 and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems, structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion or capacity; and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The City of Lomita's proposed new Park Development Project at 1845 West 260th Street is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of development of a donated property into a new passive park, which includes rehabilitation/demolition of some structures on the property, site preparation, installation of walls, fencing and walkways, installation of irrigation and other fixtures (lighting, benches, etc.) and landscaping, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d) (l), 15303 (d) (e), and 15304 (a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (d) (h), 3 (a) (b), and 4 (a) (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at existing facilities, demolition and removal of individual structures; construction of water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition of land as well as new landscaping.

The City of Lomita's proposed Lomita Park Upgrades Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of resurfacing, restriping, painting of concrete basketball and tennis courts, installation of an automated key card system for Stephenson Center and Tom Rico Center, and installation of new partitions, doors, and epoxy flooring in the Stephen Center restrooms, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (d), 15303 (e), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (d), 3 (b), and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at existing facilities; installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition.

The City of Lomita's proposed Hathaway Park Upgrades Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of resurfacing of rubber safety matting, installation of fencing around the playground area, and installation of new partitions, doors, and epoxy flooring in the restrooms, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (d), 15303 (e), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (d), 3 (b), and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at existing facilities; installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition.

The City of Los Angeles' proposed Bogdanovich Recreation Center Playground Replacement Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of playground equipment upgrades including the installation of new playground equipment and site preparation, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (d), 15303 (e), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (d), 3 (b), and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at existing facilities; installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition.

The City of Manhattan Beach's proposed Skate Spot Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of development of a skate park/spot, including a variety of streetscape design options, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 and 15304 (a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3 and 4 (a) (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of new, small facilities or structures; minor alterations to the condition of land; and new landscaping.

The City of Norwalk's proposed Playground Renovations Projects at Glazier, Ramona, and Zimmerman Parks, is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of replacement of outdated play equipment and site furnishings with new equipment at three existing parks and site preparation, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15302 and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2 and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems, structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion or capacity; and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The City of Paramount's proposed Paramount Park Gym and Community Center Renovation Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of renovation of the decade old Paramount Gym restrooms to make them ADA-accessible and modernized with increased storage capacity for gym equipment and supplies, replacement of the gym's air conditioning system, and replacement of the Community Center flooring, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (d) and 15302 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c) and 2 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves refurbishment of existing deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety at an existing facility; and replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems, structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion or capacity.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes' proposed Lower Hesse Park Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of improvements to the lower section of the existing Hesse Park, including improved trail system, improved drainage; an expanded rock fill spine, xeriscape drought-tolerant plantings, native grasses/ hydro-seeding, native plant landscape buffer; upgrades to the current dirt parking lot to a permeable surface parking lot; installation of above ground-as needed irrigation for plant establishment and picnic tables; and planting of shade trees, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 (d) (e), and 15304 (a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3 (a) (b), and 4 (a) (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the construction of water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions; installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition of land as well as new landscaping.

The City of Redondo Beach's proposed Ensenada Parkette Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of repair and replacement of existing damaged walls and stairs, construction of picnic area of two tables, accessibility upgrades to existing concrete walkways, construction of new play area with play equipment and safety rubberized surfacing, installation of two benches and trash receptacles, and construction of a new curb ramp, monument sign, and pedestrian gate with some minor modification to existing grading and new landscaping as well as irrigation, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d), 15303 (d) (e), and 15304 (a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (d), 3 (a) (b), and 4 (a) (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at existing facilities; construction of water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition of land as well as new landscaping.

The City of Rolling Hills Estates' proposed Bridle/Hiking Trails Fencing Replacement Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of installation of 11,476 linear feet of three-rail wood fencing, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 3 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves installation of accessory structures.

The City of Rolling Hills Estates' proposed Ernie Howlett Park Arena #1 Base Footing Renovation Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of removal, reinstallation, and stabilization of the base footing material throughout the arena, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15302 and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2 and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems, structures and facilities and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The City of Rolling Hills Estates' proposed Ernie Howlett Park Equestrian Center Structures Replacement Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of replacement of Ernie Howlett Park Equestrian Center's Horse Show Office Building, Main Arena Judges Booth, and Dressage Area Judges Booth, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15302 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 2 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems, structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion or capacity.

The City of Santa Fe Springs' proposed Playground Equipment Improvements Project at 10538 Longworth Avenue, 10977 Davenrich Street, and 9426 Bradwell Avenue is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of replacement of existing playground equipment, removal of existing sand/wood chip and installation of rubberized surfacing; upgrades to existing lighting; and replacement of existing chain link fence with wrought iron fence, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 (e), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3 (b) and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment at existing facilities; installation of accessory structures; and minor alterations to the condition.

The City of Signal Hill's proposed Reservoir Park Playground Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of replacement of existing playground equipment and surfacing at reservoir park, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15302 and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2 and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems, structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion or capacity; and minor alterations to the condition.

The City of Signal Hill's proposed Signal Hill Park Irrigation Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of modification to the existing irrigation system, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15302 and 15303 (d) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2 and 3 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems, structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion or capacity; and construction of water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions.

The City of Torrance's proposed Charles H. Wilson Park Splash Pad Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of development of a splash pad using a portion of the pond at Wilson Park, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15303 (d) (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 3 (a) (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions; and construction of a new, small facility or structure.

The City of Whittier's proposed Laurel Park Restroom Renovation Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of construction of a new restroom facility at Laurel Park to meet ADA standards and to update the building to the current building codes, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (d) and 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 and 3 (a) (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves refurbishment of existing deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety at an existing facility and construction of a new, small facility or structure.

The proposed projects will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed projects are not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed projects' records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Acting Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met and the Project Agreements have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Acting Director

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors